

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
WESTERN DIVISION**

SMARTMATIC USA CORP.,
SMARTMATIC INTERNATIONAL
HOLDING B.V., AND SGO
CORPORATION LIMITED,

Petitioners,

VS.

BRANNON HOWSE,

Respondent.

) CASE NO. 2:23-MC-00034

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) JUDGE MARK S. NORRIS

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) MAGISTRATE JUDGE ANNIE T.

) CHRISTOFF

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DECLARATION OF JAMES R. BEDELL

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) Related to Action Pending in the U.S. District

) Court of the District of Minnesota, *Smartmatic*

) *USA Corp., et al. v. Lindell, et al.*, 22-cv-

) 00098-JMB-JFD

I, James R. Bedell, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18, I am competent to make this declaration, and I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein. These facts are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and if called upon to testify as a witness, I could and would testify competently to them.

2. I am an attorney at the law firm Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff, LLP, and I represent Petitioners Smartmatic USA Corp., Smartmatic International Holding B.V., and SGO Corporation Limited (“Smartmatic”) in the above-captioned dispute.

3. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Second Amended Pretrial Scheduling Order, entered on August 15, 2023 in *Smartmatic USA Corp., et al. v. Lindell, et al.*, 22-cv-00098-JMB-JFD, currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota (the “Minnesota Litigation”).

4. Attached as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of a Motion to Withdraw, filed by counsel for the Defendants in the Minnesota Litigation.

5. Attached as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of the Clerk's Notice of Reassignment entered in the Minnesota Litigation.

6. Attached as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of an Order entered on April 15, 2024 setting a new case management schedule in the Minnesota Litigation.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.



Executed on May 7, 2024

James R. Bedell